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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 9 July 1956

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- June 1956

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ADMINISTRATION

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1. The total personnel on duty as of 30 June was []

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2. [] returned to [] after four months' TDY in USSR Branch to perfect his Russian.

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3. On 21 June, [] attended a briefing on the US Antarctic program given by Drs. Paul Siple and John H. Roscoe of Admiral Byrd's staff.

4. Two further conferences were held during the month with Personnel Evaluation Division representatives on the reorganization of Publications Section, Reports Branch. PED stated that only GS-4 grades would be allowed for the proofreading positions. A memorandum was sent through channels to the Director of Personnel outlining FDD's reasons for objecting to the PED recommendation.

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5. During the month, [] of Language and External Training School, OTR, conferred with []

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[] are assisting OTR in drawing up examinations to be used in the Foreign Language Development program.

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6. Five persons completed Chinese and five Mongolian courses, conducted by []

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Six persons completed a part-time Russian Reading Class begun in May 1955.

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11. Four members of the Industrial Division, ORR, were briefed by [] on the operation of the Document Exploitation Index.

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OPERATIONS

1. The 72nd, 73rd, and 74th meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications were held 1, 15, and 29 June. The review of the Free World program was completed, thus concluding the current program survey. The first draft of the report to the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications was discussed. The next meeting will be held on 27 July. The degree of interest of Subcommittee members in the Consultants Bureau translations was ascertained and the distinctions between the Bureau's program and the FDD program were noted.

2. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 154 duplications totaling 5,557 pages. This represents an estimated saving of \$27,000.

3. The FDD scheduled Summary "Semimonthly Information Report on Latin America" was discontinued with issue No. 35 dated 5 June.

The scheduled Summary "Monthly Information Report on Africa" was discontinued with the June issue (No. 20) and will be replaced by separate monthly reports: "Information on North Africa" and "Information on Africa South of the Sahara."

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4. [] was appointed to prepare a staff study on the relative operations of [] for the purpose of determining methods for closer coordination and cooperation.

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5. "The National Economy of the USSR - A Statistical Compilation" was received in the Division on 12 June. Within five days the 262-page book was translated and prepared for publication. Printing and dissemination was completed by 29 June. The book was prepared for typesetters 6 April 1956 in Moscow.

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6. Samples of Russian articles and their English translations were prepared for [redacted] Special Assistant to the DD/I, for transmittal to [redacted] for use in testing a mechanical translator.

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7. Two additional contributions to the Historical Intelligence Collection in the form of Greek newspaper articles on World War II espionage were transmitted during the month.

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8. Far East Branch initiated a weekly memorandum to the [redacted] and to the [redacted] listing periodicals processed for the "Weekly Information Report on Communist China" for the purpose of reducing duplication of effort.

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9. Commendations:

From Chief, Medical Division, OSI, for excellent support of an OSI project concerning Soviet brucellosis research furnished by [redacted]

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From Special Assistant to the DD/I (Planning) for the scheduled FDD Summary series "Scientific Information Report."

10. Liaison activities (other than CIA)

Department of State

With Division of Research for USSR and Eastern Europe, Mr. Stephen Peters, to discuss FDD support of NIS chapters on Albania and Rumania.

Also with DRS, Mr. Max Horlick, to discuss FDD support of NIS chapters on orbit propaganda in the Free World.

Department of the Army

With ACSI, Mrs. J. Van Zandt, to discuss program guidance on reporting of Rumanian and Albanian military information.

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11. Special services rendered:

DD/P -- For RQM/OIS furnished within 24 hours translations of Togliatti's interview, Nenni's editorial, and the Communist Party Politburo statement in L'Humanite as part of the Division's crash coverage of world press reaction to the Krushchev speech at the 20th Congress.

Also for RQM/OIS performed eight pages of reverse translation, English to Spanish.

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ORR -- Performed reverse translation of nine pages, English to

OTR -- Translated sound tracks of Russian films.

OCR -- For Graphics Register, furnished translation of sound track of Russian films.

Department of Air Force -- For AFOIN translated on first priority basis

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Department of Labor -- Supplied background information for a Labor official who was to receive a visit by an Italian industrialist.

12. Significant Reports:

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-- Data on and Tasks of Study of Antibiotics in USSR (good detail on a large number of USSR wonder drugs)

FDD Summary No. 944 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China (101) (information on Chinese Communist military organization; cited in OCI "Current Intelligence Digest" of 4 June)

FDD Summary No. 947 -- Information on the Decree of 21 Aug 1954 on "The Role and Tasks of Gosbank USSR," and Changes in the Soviet Banking and Financial System (traces recent changes in Soviet banking system and outlines present role and functions of Gosbank)

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FDD Summary No. 949 -- Development of CPSU and Communist Parties of Union Republics, 1952-1956 (traces trends in Communist Party membership, composition of delegations at party congresses and conferences, and development of primary party organizations).



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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on
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